Rec^d January 5th 1842
Answ^d Febr. 5th —

Washington Decr 25. 1841.

My Dear Friend

A merry Christmas to you! and to all my friends in St Louis. I hope you are surrounded by all the luxuries of the season & enjoying the best of health to enable you to do them. Amen!

You have received I hope my explanatory letter on this. I have felt mortified at my apparent neglect but you are I hope on this satisfied. I don't think you ought to have got angry for you should have had charity enough to suppose I had some reason for not writing that would be satisfactory when it came.

Nicollet was here about 12 or 14 days ago, much better. He took your letter & package on to New York to which City he went from here. I have no doubt they are on this at this present date.

I don't think you have any conception of the amt of an Botanical Collection when you talk of sending it on to you for examination. Why mine is a wagon load! there are probably 50.000 Specimens altogether. containing the greatest Mass of novelty in that way ever collected since the ~~voyage~~ one made by Robert Brown. Nuttal says it the most extraordinary Collection he ever saw. Besides the innumerable new Genera, it will probably be [illegible] requires some new Orders to embrace some of them. But when they become regularly distributed if there be any part you especially desire to examine I will try to send it on to you. I will particularly attend to the Cuscuta

I see that the letter writers have taken it up. In the Phila^a Inquirer of last Saturday & the N.Y. Evening Post of the 21st an

long letters: evidently not from Scientific new however.

I have not seen Dr. Linn since the opening of the Legislature, when I do I will enquire about the boston Expedition. But don't encourage Gyn as such matters are always very uncertain.

Mrs King has been suffering severely for the last two weeks from Tic doloureux. She is now much better.

My respects to all my friends

& believe me sincerely your Friend

A. King

Dr. G. Engelmann.

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To Doct. George Engelmann.

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Received April 14th
Answd April 16th

Washington April 2. 1842.

My dear Friend

I have to day written to Silas Simmons requesting him to forward my Books and to call on you & D. Bowman for such as may be in your possession. I left several in the library of the Academy, some of which I intended to present to it, but now I cannot tell which and therefore shall leave you to make a reasonable selection. I left with Dr. Bowman among other things I believe the "Dictionaire des termes usités dans les sciences naturelles." (French) which I am particularly in want of, as I do not know that I can get another copy without sending to Europe.

Give my respects to Dr. Bowman and tell him that since I wrote him I have seen and held a long conversation with Dr. Hayden of Baltimore, who promised me that on my recommendation he would take the necessary steps to have the honors of the College of Dental Surgery of that City conferred on him. It was the first opportunity I had of forming the acquaintance of any of those connected with that Institution. I know no doubt it will be done.

I have a job for you both. I am preparing the materials for a paper on the Genus Asticus (Cray-fish) I want you to do me the favour to collect me such as are to be found in the vicinity of St Louis. They need no other preparation than immersion in Spirits. If Dr Bowman should take a fishing excursion to Prairie des Pots in the manner it will present a favorable opportunity to collect the few species in your vicinity. I have also an apparently undescribed species of Geomys (Gopher) from Louisiana which I want to publish, but want a good specimen of the ordinary

one - G. barbadensis - to compare it with. As they are very abundant in the neighbourhood of St Louis, perhaps you could obtain me one. I want it entire for dissection. If you can get me one, you will please merely make an incision into the abdominal parietes and immerse it in Spirits with a small quantity of Corrosive Sublimate in solution. Richardson in his Fauna of North America describes all the species ~~yet~~ then known, but does not embrace the one I have.

I have been very much interested in arranging and examining the Reptiles of our collection. I have made many dissections and obtained some valuable notes. Holbrook I have understood has discontinued his work on the subject for want of patronage. I have it therefore in serious contemplation to take up the subject and carry it out in the transactions of the Institution. You may give me some encouragement by procuring for me such things of the kind as fall in your way. I have already a considerable collection of our native species, but shall want many more. I am making arrangements for obtaining specimens in the South & South west also. The few found in the North I shall not have much difficulty in getting.

You see that I am begging to make heavy drafts upon your friendship, but as it is in a good cause I do not fear seriously that I shall be protested. I can only say that aside from the gratitude that I shall be obliged always to owe, I shall endeavour to pay you back to the utmost of my ability in kind. From the information recently received, it is expected that the Exp. Squadron will be home in the month of May or June, as soon as they arrive I will obtain from the Botanists, specimens of such Cucurbitaceae as we may have to forward to you. A gentleman now here who

Thos. G. Lowman to the Secretary of the Smithsonian
Lowman & Day & Graham
Vide Graham Oct 2 1850

left the Sandwich Islands since the Squadron started from there for home, informs us that they have obtained a most valuable collection, particularly in the Botanical dept. from the North West Coast of America. from a considerable distance inland & on high up on the Russian possessions.

Our friend Nicollet has had several severe attacks since I wrote you last. He is better now however. We had a pleasant walk together last evening and of course our conversation turned to St Louis, and our friends there. The more I see of him here the more I regret I did not know him better, in the best. In one of my reserved perhaps phlegmatic temperaments his ~~em~~prisonment has the appearance of dissemulation, and unfortunately I am strongly impressed with such an opinion in relation to it in him, in the early stages of our acquaintance. A man enlightened & intimate in science may teach me the mysteries I did him. Much of this in him may be acquired or Rational, but most I now know to be the effect of a warm and affectionate heart. He always desires to be remembered to you whenever I write.

We have much talk of War here at this time and there seems little doubt that it will soon come with Mexico at least I have learned in such a way as to have little doubt on my mind of its correctness, that our Minister to Mexico has been instructed to demand peremptorily the release of the Americans taken in the State Ten expedition & satisfactory provision for the payment of the awards recently made by the Commission that sat in the City, and in case of failure to demand his passports & return home.

I should be very much pleased if I could give Dr Riggs some employment in the Institution. as his valuable services would be very desirable, but fear I have not much prospect of doing it. Gen Totten intimated that he would be pleased to travel, devoting himself in that way to Science. I have had a hint from certain quarters that induces me to hope that I may be useful to him & yet in that way, but at present I am not allowed to speak more freely on this subject. I shall keep my Eyes upon it & if there be a ~~prospect~~ certainty will write you. Give him my respects if you please.

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I wrote to Dr. Bonn a week or two ago. Remember me to him & his family in the kindest manner. To all my friends my best wishes.

Hoping you will accept the continued appearance of my sincere friendship

St. King

Dr. Engelmann

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Rec'd May 19th

Washington May 9. 1842.

My Dear Friend

Yours by Mr Jacoby was handed to me by him on the Steam Boat at the wharf of Philadelphia, just as I had stepped on Board to take passage home. I was on my return from the Meeting of the Association of American Geologists which this year was held in Boston. The Meeting with Mr Jacoby was agreeable as unexpected. We travelled together to this City where he came to get his passport. which having done, and after spending a few hours in looking about, he returned to Philadelphia.

Our Geological meeting was very interesting. There were between 30 & 40 members present, embracing Silliman, father & Son, Hitchcock, Jackson, Morton, the three Rogers, and several others not forgetting Lyell. We had some very able and interesting papers and discussions thereon. The Englishmen was evidently astonished at the Geological inquiries that had been made in this country, and despite his Job Ballism could not suppress the expression, on several occasions, of his feelings. A letter I have just received from a friend in Boston says that the Savans there are satisfied from what they know of the matter, that at the end of the week's meeting he found himself not near so great a Lion as he previously thought himself. He is a pretty clever fellow however withall. I suspect him very hard to uphold the visits he is now making to Cincinnatti to St Louis, and if he comes I bespeak for him friendly reception, but mind no worship.

Amongst the business done at the meeting was the Election of Lyon & Brown as members of the Association & the placing Lyon on the Committee on the subject of Mondays. This subject attracted a good deal of attention and it was determined to appoint a committee to collect facts in relation to them to be submitted to the next meeting. Prepare yourself to give us & bring a full report of the near

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St Louis.

I shall duly present your donations on their arrival and read your letter at our next meeting. On the subject of exchanges we have already had some preliminary steps taken, but no system can be put in operation until the returns of the Ex. Exp.ⁿ are made by it home to be carefully examined for new and undescribed species for publication. I hope however to make sufficient progress to commence operations this year.

The only work I know of a American Fishes that will be of much service are the Journals of the Phila. Academy, Boston & New York Lyceums. Mitchel on the Fishes of New York & Storer on those of Massachusetts. The latter is in the Boston Journal of Nat History. & Co and I would advise you to send for that work. It also contains what Kirtland has done, and is doing on the subject for the west. 3 vols or years have been published and an number of the fourth.

The Boston Collection is about equal to that at Phil. adelphia. Better on some subjects and not so good on others. The Members of the Lyceum are zealous, industrious and quite intelligent. They have several good workers.

I will write to Boston and endeavour to get you a Copy of the Massachusetts reports for the Academy but I am not very sanguine of success. As to the Geological reports of most of the states they are out of print and as yet only portions of them are of special value; during the next year or two the complete survey of New York, Penn.ª & Virginia will be published which will supersede almost all the rest. Then I trust we shall also be able to get. If however in the mean time I can get any of the others I will send them to you.

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M. Nicollet and Lt. Lucatel accompanied me to Boston. We have quite an acquaintance since we met Lt. Freemont on his way to the west. He will probably be with you about the time that this arrives.

I am quite flattered with your notice of my seal. It was a little fancy of my own created by my intercourse with certain persons since my connexion with the National Institution. There are [illegible] people in every part of the world who like to show their own importance, and who when they have not the capacity to do it themselves try to do it by affecting a patronizing demeanor. Such persons are particularly common about seats of Government. Some such are here, and I have seen enough of them to make me believe they would like to play the game off on me. A hint like that of my seal I think will be sufficient to let them who and what I am, and how I am to be treated. I love the approbation of my friends and am sufficiently ambitious to desire to place myself among and to receive the attention of men of Learning & Science; but this I expect to obtain by my own exertions, and the little devices will aid in keeping the contents before me. You see by way no doubt the case with Kömer I had a reason for my fancy.

Believe me sincerely

your friend

S. F. Baird

A. Kenig

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Rec'd Jan 26th
Ans. Febr. 12th

Washington Jany 14. 1843.

My Dear Doctor

I see there is no other way of getting a letter from you than by writing for one. So here goes. It is not much less than six months I believe since a letter passed between us and whether the indebtedness is on your part or mine it is beyond the reach of my memory to say. When you get this reply to it at least early enough to let it get here before the 1st of March and send it under cover to "Hon J. C. Edwards Mo" the same who franked I use in this and then at least our correspondence will cost us nothing whatever may be its worth

So far so good. Now as to affairs here, I've one moving as much in the same way as usual. You have long since learned I suppose that I have been hustled out of my place as Curator of the Nat Institute. The conspirators against me are now begining to feel the effects of the reaction. They thought no doubt to drive me out of City as well as the Curatorship, but in that they were mistaken. In my quiet way I determined to stay and have my revenge. And I will get it

"For time at last sets all things even
"And if we do but watch the hour
"There never yet was human power
"Which could evade, if unforgiven
"The patient search, the vigil long
"Of him who treasures up a wrong"

These fellows have wronged me and as I leave them they shall atone for it. I am now and for some time have been engaged in a way as profitable and more easy than when in the Institution, and if I desire can continue so during all the present spring and summer. But I think I shall make some arrangement to leave here for Europe a little [illegible] in the Spring. I believe the last time I wrote you I expected to go to Paris I have since learned that the Salary formerly given to the Consul there has been stopped and without it the office is not worth having. I have a grand project in view which I believe I can accomplish and which I will communicate to you, if the Bill upon which it is dependant, now before Congress, shall pass.

We have here now Dr Reid Surveyor Genl. & Dr. Seemann. I should like to know what they are after. I suspect the latter would like to get the Surgeoncy of the Marine Hospital's place. I think I must look after him for it may be that I shall return to St Louis and if so I want that myself. But this is entre nous. How is the Professorship getting on in St Louis. Can one get money enough to live on if they earn it there? How is the academy getting on? By the way I wish you would call a meeting and draw up a petition to the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress, setting forth the Style and objects of the Academy and requesting that it may be allowed a share of the Collections brought home by the U.S. Exploring Expedition. Enclose it to the Hon Benjamin Tappan to whom the matter has been

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particularly confided: Thy Committee lay ~~how~~ new the entire charge and control of these Collections and as Mr Sapp pan is a warm and particular friend of mine I can back this appeal I think to some effect: If you do thy let it be as soon as possible so that it may get here whilst Congress is in Session. Thy Collection is large and valuable and abounding in duplicates & there is ~~how~~ for no reason why the Boston Academy of Natural Sciences should not participate in them as well as the National Institution, where private citizens despair to compete the whole has been one of the causes why they have ale been taken out of its hands. If a movement is made in the subject it perhaps would be well to address a letter ~~to~~ also to ~~Boston~~. Mr Benton or Dr Linn requesting their influences in the matter. If we get an order for a suite to be made up, and I demand here thy summer I will superintend their selection & shipment. Talk thy matter over with Dr Brown, and such other of the friends of the Academy as you think proper.

Remember me to Dr Brown and ale my friends and believe me sincerely yr friend

Asa King

Dr G. Engelmann

P.S. I have not heard directly from Nicollet for more than a Month. From what I have heard my anxiety about him increases. I wrote to him a week or two days ago but get no answer. I wrote to day to Dr Nicollet requesting him to write from me how he is

Yours ——— A King

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Rec'd May 3d 1843

Washington April 22 1843.

My Dear Doctor.

When I last wrote you and even I believe long since I flattered myself that ere this I should have had the pleasure of shaking you by the hand again in St Louis. But as the good book says "no one knows what a day may bring forth" and certainly no one can have had much greater cause to believe at least in this much of that volume than I have. Contrary to all my expectations and all my wishes I find myself fastened here still with apparently no more certainty of when I can leave than I had last autumn. I cannot however with truth complain of any thing else than being obliged to remain, as I am well and interestingly employed. I believe you are aware of my engagement with Prof Johnson, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, in making experiments on Coal. Some few sessions of Congress ago the sum of fifty thousand Dollars were appropriated for this and some other investigations of a like character. We have a full size double flued high pressure Boiler carefully set up, with all the arrangements & fixtures necessary for a thorough & minutely careful practical investigation of the application of Coal to the generation of steam. We have already about 35 different kinds of Coal (2 tons of each) for operating upon. About two weeks ago we made a commencement in burning & find we can consume about 1.000 lbs a day. It is thus perceivable that the experiments in this way will occupy us until late

Mr Kane's Dept. Sept. 6 - Left us for ... - left us for ...

next fall, but as it has been determined by the Department, at the re-
quest of many of those interested, to have an investigation into the relat-
tive value of the Coals for other purposes. such as blowing the lyre-
generation of Gas &c. a much longer time may be estimated for the
completion of the labour. During the winter we were engaged on the anal-
ysis of the Coals, and during the summer shall continue it, at least so
far as the liquid residuum and the gases generated by the Combus-
tion are concerned. I wish you were here to see our operations. I think
you would be pleased with them. I find the subject increasing daily
in interest upon me, but still I long to change it for a place
in St Louis. I find I have lost much of the zeal for Chemical inves-
tigations that I once had; and if I could only complete the arrange-
ment for the Hemp Agency in St Louis, I should be again with
you as soon as I could find another to supply my place here.
I have the promise of the Agency from the Secretary of the Navy, but
as the Amt appropriated is not in his opinion enough to establish both
- one in Kentucky & one in Missouri. - he hesitates about making the
appointment. My friend Ladye Edwards, late Representative, has ta-
ken great interest in the establishment of the Agency & my getting it.
and in an interview the day before he left on the the Secretary got him
to promise to establish the one in Missouri upon certain conditions which
the Ladye thinks he will be able to fulfill. Although the Secretary
promised me the place, he advised me - entre nous - to obtain as
strong recommendations as I could from Missouri, as they might
be important to me. Sometime ago I wrote to Dr. Brown on the

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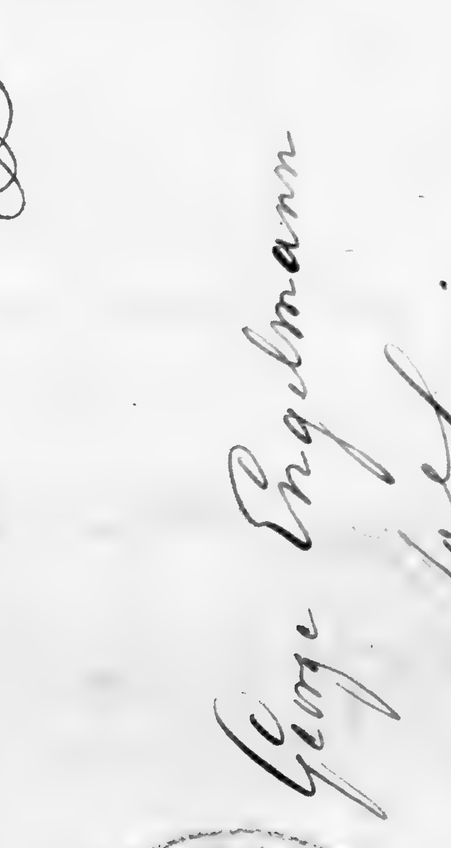
subject. and since your Judge Edwards, a Note to him recommending a few commissions. I wish you would do me the favour to call on the Doctor, and request him to make the recommendation as strong as he thinks the case will justify and secure the best name he can get, but particularly not to delay the sending it on more than a week or two days after the receipt of this. My reason for being so urgent & thus trespassing upon his friendship is that I expect many com. strong letters of recommendation from Officers on City & several parts of the State for my appointment, and the erection of the Agency at St Louis, and I want them to all go into the Secretarys Hands about this same time. I feel assured I need but ask to secure your kind offices in furthering this project as far as it lies in your power.

I saw Nicollet a few days ago. Although both in the City, we are more than two miles apart & so much engaged that it is only at intervals, get to see each other. His health is much improved and he talked of going on to Albany to the meeting of the Geologists & Naturalists that commences tomorrow. Prof. Johnson also talks of going but it is doubtful if he can get off. There is but little new in the way of Science in this City. I am sorry to say that our Hope the National Institute still declines. It has several times of late failed to get enough together - with something like 200 resident Members in the City - to form a quorum. The false position it has been made to assume by the conduct of a few Clerks & office holders and the severe reproof that two of these received through the Report of the Library Committee has seriously affected its character & capacity for good. I understand that the conduct of these would be Sowan & managers has called forth a severe letter of rebuke from Mr. Spencer, the President of the Am. Phil. Society. I have not however seen it, and if this be true, I presume no one

will, as they have the controul of the papers & correspondence. I have strong hopes that such a change will be made at the next election of officers as will restore it to confidence & public favour.

I know you will be sorry to learn that every thing seems much depressed in St Louis. I hope you and the rest of my friends are not affected by it. Does Brown still talk of going away? I hope not. Times must change for the better very soon, and no place will fill sooner or more sensibly than St Louis. Those who have wealth and the will to use it, will soon see it out, they may depend a fair day is breaking upon us. I think it depending upon that if I make the arrangements to return to St Louis

Geo Engelmann
St Louis
Mo.



Nicollet will return with me, and then our fat Academy shall have an additional labourer at two in its cause. I believe I mentioned in my last that he wished to be a subscriber to your Botanical Collections. I know of but one other person less likely to be even a subscriber, and will mention it to him the first favourable opportunity.

Give my best respects to Brown. Carpenter & all my friends. Should any body with Dearborn's whereabouts desire to see him direct them to the Navy Yard. There I am operating. Believe me my dear Friend

Sincerely Yours J. Torrey

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Rec^d Aug. 15th
Answ. Oct. 27

Washington Augt. 5. 1845.

My Dear Fred

When was it that I received a letter from you? It seems almost an age; at least it is so long ago that I have forgotten all about it contents and date, & may almost consider this as the commencement of a new series.

I suppose you expected to have seen me in Albany before this time, & if you did not I certainly expected to have seen you there; but the Gods have decreed it otherwise & I must submit. Though "Hope deferred maketh the Heart sick" still when we can do nothing else we must hope on. In my case my hope is strengthened by having reached such a stage in this operation, I am now engaged in, that I can with some probability foredetch the termination. This will probably be during the month of October or early in November. By that time I hope I shall have so matured my other arrangements that I can take my departure for the West once more.

My time is so constantly occupied in our researches on Coral and my location so distant for the active portion of the business that I know but little of what is going on in the rest of the Scientific world. My old friend Lady Tappan of Ohio, who has the entire charge of the arrangements for the publication of the results of the Exploring Expedition was here a few days ago, and informed me that he was advancing with it so rapidly that it would probably be published next Winter. I look forward for it with great anxiety for I know no doubt it will be a valuable & interesting work. The Botanists seem to be fast sinking under the miserable management of those who have usurped all authority over it. On the other side of the boundary the Scientific men generally stand aloof from it, as you will see by the character & names attached to such communications as they publish. Judge Tappan has withdrawn from them the entire collection of the Explor. Expedit^n and at the meeting of the Association

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of Geologists & Naturalists at Albany this year no notice was taken of them a thus invitation to meet in this City next year. I understand that Dr. Pickering who was elected to the Office of Curator has also resigned. I fear there is but little hope for its revival" the friends of Science can rally with sufficient strength at the next election to put its destiny in new hands.

Our friend Nicollet has been very ill again for the last week or two days, indeed dangerously so, but the last time I saw him: two days ago he was better & I think out of danger. We often talk about you and picture the beautiful things we shall do together on our return to St Louis. His reduced Map he informs me is ready to go into the hands of the engraver; and his report to which he is making additions will be ready for printing as soon as the Map is done. He desires to be remembered to you.

I wrote to Dr. Bond some time ago requesting him to furnish me, for a B^d of Examiners an Safety Valve now setting here, with an estimate of the amt of sediment or Earthy matter per the in gallon in the Mississippi or rather Missouri water. and requested him if necessary to ask for an appropriation. I have no other interest in it than that of serving the cause of humanity & Science, but these & the friendly feelings I have for the Gentlemen of the B^d induce me to endeavour to get you friends. Nothing more is desired than simply to evaporate the water & weigh the residuum. A quart or at most a Gallon of water would be amply sufficient.

Let me hear from you as soon as convenient. Give my respects to Dr^s Bross. Carpenter &c.

I am my dear Doctor sincerely your friend

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J. King

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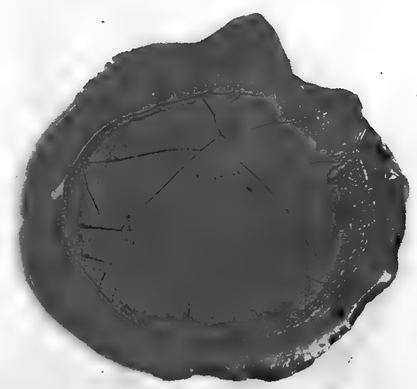
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Washington Decr 3. 1843.

My dear Friend

It is with no small degree of pleasure I inform you that I acknowledge the receipt of a letter from you a few days ago. It had been so long since I received one that I began to fear ~~that~~ time was beginning to have its effect upon our once cherished and with me still desired friendship. It is none my misfortune than my fault that I have been so long deprived from my home & my friends, but a few months now I hope will see me again among you. One of the most pleasing prospects that ever presents to me, is the finding my friends what they were when we parted. But enough of this.

I am sorry I cannot give you more satisfactory as to the condition in which our friend Nicollet left his affairs. I have reason to hope he made some disposition of his effects by will or otherwise but have not yet been able to learn anything certain, except as to his work on Indian Languages which he entrusted to our friend Dr. Martin a very intelligent gentleman of this City, just before he died with authority to make what disposition of it he might deem proper. My own engagements have been so incessant all summer that I could not see him near as much as I desired, He had been confined to his room & bed on & two months before his decease, during which I saw him as frequently as possible, the last time a few days before his death. He seemed so much better that I flattered myself in again seeing him out in a short time, but unfortunately the next thing I learned of him was the announcement of his death in the Intelligencer. His collections and most of his Books & papers were in Baltimore, a part at St Mary's College & the rest at Dr Educates. I shall endeavor to ascertain something in relation to them before I leave the East. Although he had finished & presented his Report, he again with drew it to make some further improvements in it, which I fear were not entirely completed at his death.

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What a consummate scoundrel that Gayen must be. Poor Audubon had often expressed to me his opinion of him, and I am sorry to learn that you too have had so much cause to confirm it. There is some gratification I suppose however in knowing that he has so thoroughly exposed himself that he will never again venture to show himself in Philadelphia.

I am very sorry to say that the opinion expressed to you by Audubon in relation to the National Institution is the prevailing one with all scientific men on this side of the Mountains. From the very inadequate management of those who have usurped all authority over it, it has been brought to an eminently precarious condition, and from which it cannot possibly for it will be impossible to rescue it. The conduct of those men towards the Scientific Corps of the Exploring Expedition has created in Congress a violent hostility to the Institution & caused it to lose not only the incidental advantages that it had from its connexion with that Expedition, but also to be expelled from the splendid Hall over which it had control in the Patent office. At the last Session this Hall & all the Collections of Government that we had had under our charge was taken from us and placed in charge of the Library Committee, and now instead of "the National Institution" over the door of entrance in large gold letters is "the Collection of the United States Exploring Expedition" I saw from the first that the course the Managers of the Institution were taking would be highly dangerous if not fatal to the Institution, and therefore did all in my power to arrest them, but in vain. My purposes were misrepresented & fatally unjustly victimized. Scarcely a year elapsed however before all saw that my advice ought to have been followed, and those who then became my bitterest enemies & successful persecutors now met me with a smile & demeanor of cringing almost amiable. If at the next election those men who have brought the Institution to this pitiful condition, will have the goodness to resign & withdraw from all pretensions to its control as if they can muster enough votes to turn them out, if they will not resign, and place the management in the hands of real men of Science, we may resuscitate it, if neither of these conditions be accomplished, its fate is sealed, without hope.

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A bill will be introduced into Congress early in its Session for the organization of the Smithsonian Institute, based upon liberal & enlightened principles, but entirely disconnected with the National Institute, and thus its hope in that quarter is gone. We are satisfied as I am that I am now writing here, writing you this, am I, that if a proper course had been pursued by those who have managed the affairs of the National Institute, they could have secured the control of the Smithsonian. I will send you a Copy of the Bill as soon as it is printed.

I am greatly obliged to you, Dr. Brown & my other friends for their efforts for me in relation to the Navy Agency. I have had powerful recommendations also from others directing, one particularly from Jefferson City signed by the Governor & all the principal officers of the State. I feel my strong appointment that I shall finally get the office tho' I presume not until a further appropriation is made as that is the only reason assigned for not making the appointment. Before the conclusion of the Session, were I known I had the positive promise of it from the then Secretary of the Navy Judge Upshur, and I have no cause to doubt the fulfillment of the promise by the present one when there is money enough to justify it.

I believe I have kept you acquainted with my occupations during the present year. I am still engaged in the Efforts in Court and probably shall not get through in less than a couple of months yet. I flatter myself that when done we shall be able to present to the world one of the most splendid, thorough & scientific series of investigations on this important subject that has ever been done in any similar case. We shall go to Philadelphia, in the course of about 10 days or 2 weeks to prosecute the analytic investigations of those Coals that have been received since we commenced burning. I shall probably be detained 3 or 4 weeks there. Should you write home during the time continue to address me here / Navy Yard Washington City / as my family will remain & forward me my letters during my absence.

Give my respects to all my friends & accept the assurances of my esteemed friendship & Esteem

W. King

Can't you prevail on Dr. Brown to write me. I owed almost his entire fortune if I thought it would avail. Give him my best respects.

W. K.

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To

Lieut. George Engelmann

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Rec'd Apl 17 46
Ans Apl 19th

Burlington April 6th 1846

Dear Asa Gray.

I have just returned from Philadelphia where I have been spending the last three months, in preparing my Report on Coal. Although very closely engaged this little leisure I had I spared my especially and I believe profitably among the Savans & Institutions of that City. It will take me probably a month longer to finish the Report, and after this will be my business for some months to Geological Excursions. I shall write you that, and then take my departure again for the West. You may therefore expect that I shall have the pleasure of shaking you once more by the hand in the City of St Louis during the month of May.

I have taken this liberty of recommending a young Gentleman of Philadelphia, a Son of Dr Isaac Lea the Conchologist, to open a correspondence with you, he is warmly devoted to Botany and I think you will find him a valuable correspondent. His father is a particular friend of mine and I shall esteem it a personal favour if you will place him in your list of exchanging correspondents. He has requested a small package which will be forwarded to you through some of his father Agents in St Louis and through them. I think you may conduct exchange with them to suppose. W. Lea (Lewis) you know is one of the partners of the large publishing House of Carey & Lea. Phila.

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I called on Prof. Espy since my return but did not find him at home. When I left he was very busily engaged in working up the materials he had collected, and I have no doubt will present a valuable Report on the subject as soon as possible. His manner of illustrating the great storm that passed over the Country is very clear & interesting. He has a large number of small outline Maps of the U. States lithographed and during one of these for every day in which he puts down the Meteorological conditions of that day as collected from the reports of his correspondents. By this means he is not only able to show the difference in the Meteorological conditions of the various portions of the Union on any particular day, but to exhibit the progress & extending phenomena of the various storms that pass over the Country in the plainest & most satisfactory manner. It will necessarily require some time to complete so extensive a work, but when completed I think all will feel gratified who have contributed towards the result.

Fremont's Reports I understand are entirely exhausted but it is probable that it will be republished in connection with the one he will have to make of the Exploration he is now engaged on. At that time I hope we shall be able to obtain additional Copies. I cannot hear a word about Accidents Report. Some months will elapse I think before any part of the Exploring Expedition will be out. The Botanical part of the latter is undergoing an augmentation by Dr. Rich the Botanist of the Expedition.

I hope you will not fail to send us something to the Zoological Meeting. My impression is that it will be one of the most interesting we have yet held. Although I shall be very closely occupied on the Reports on Coal, I shall

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endeavour to present something myself. The Meeting of the National Institute that day has filled the walk, by not have the benefit of the light of the larger luminaries of Science of the Country. Except perhaps two or three, whose other business called them to the City at the time. I found the most pleasant men of Philadelphia rather cool towards the Institute & I understand a similar feeling exists in Boston. Why will explain why you de- so few of the great many of those cities among the contributors to the present meeting. Almost of those from belong to the Geological Specialists I anticipate a very full attendance of the at the May Meeting.

What think you of making a friend Lindheimer a Member of the Academy of Nat. Science of Philadelphia. I can have it done and if you think it advisable send me in his name & place of residence in full. I presume it would be a gratifications to have an acknowledgment from such a quarter that his labours in Science are appreciated in the Country. The only expense would be for the Diploma which according to a late law of the Academy costs 5$.

I am very glad to hear that you have verified the existence of Cobalt in Mexico, I recollect to have detected it in a single specimen I was examining several years ago, but could not find out from what part of the State it came. A very valuable Silver Mine has lately been discovered in North Carolina which is now being worked according to the Talent of the Prospectors to great advantage. Specimens of the Ore & the Books of the Company were shown me while in Philadelphia, and certainly they tell a very favourable story.

My respects to Dr Bowman and believe me ever

Yr Friend

J. King

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Rec'd May 14th
mid. Ct hours.

Washington May 5. 1844

My Dear Doctor.

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt a few days ago of yours of the 19th ult. I have not had time yet to call on Mr Rich in relation to the Cincinnati but shall endeavour to do so in a day or two, tho' I must warn you to be prepared for a failure in my application. There is a fine enquiring about those of the Suffering Efflorescence, that has always inspired me with the unfavourable opinion to this liberality. I shall do however what can be done.

I am very sorry you cannot come on to our Meeting. I have strong hopes that it will be a very interesting one and that it would afford you much gratification. I am forming an Article for it on the Paleontology of the Mississippi Valley above the Ohio, but from the letter times I have to spare from my Coal Report that that I shall not be able to do it justice. I regret that for this time it will get regard to finish our Coal Report. I shall not be able to be with you as early as I expected. I regret this for the sake of this trip you propose to Kentucky as one I wish particularly to make, as it embraces a portion of the Geology of a State, with which I have the least acquaintance. I find my Notes & Observations on the Lead & Coal bearing formations very full, and sufficient I think of Illustrations, to give a very satisfactory Report upon them. I write not with it, but if you could delay your return until Autumn, which by the way you know is much the most pleasant season for travelling in the West, I have no doubt I could accompany you.

I understand from Dr Kelly that the Coal Oil has been found in several other places besides La Motte. Is not this an evidence of the hidden resources of our State? The news I reflect upon what these recent discoveries may bring to light, and what I know from myself, the more convinced I am that we are only on the threshold of the real Mineral resources of our State. The formations underlying our Lead bearing series (I mean the Taylor-ville Rock, that appears to rest upon the former) have never been properly searched. There is I think good cause to hope that they too will prove of a rich Mineral character. At least there is already enough known I think to expend in that direction an important sum in our State, if we could ensure a little more knowledge and judgment in those who have the control of our Mines. If you want to know what I intend doing on my return to St Louis, my future occupations is yet a little uncertain & dependant upon contingencies, but whatever it may be I have determined to devote myself as far as pursuits as are directly & indirectly connected with the development of our Mineral Resources. To subjects connected with Mining & Metallurgy I have for a considerable time been particularly directing myself. Our operations on Coal, has given us many facilities for studying Steam & Steam engines, an important part of the Machinery of Mining, these added to a pretty fair acquaintance with Geology and its collateral branches, particularly the Geology of this Western State, will I think give me tolerably fair prospects in every thing relating to Mining & Metallurgy in Missouri. There those I shall endeavour to make my ultimate pursuits, whatever circumstances may indicate me to commence with.

Although it does not lay in my line. I suppose I must tell you that political matters are running very high here just

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time. The Clay Convention have brought enormous numbers of strangers to our City, and the appearance of the letters of the two persecuted Candidates Clay & Van Buren, in relation to Texas has produced quite an excitement. The latter has evidently done himself enormous. if not irreparable injury by his.. The Pennsylvanian, Southern & West of the Locofoco Democratic Members of Congress, are so much affected by it, that they seem to be determinated to prevent his nomination at Balt. or if unsuccessful to bring out a new Candidate, a talk up by them.

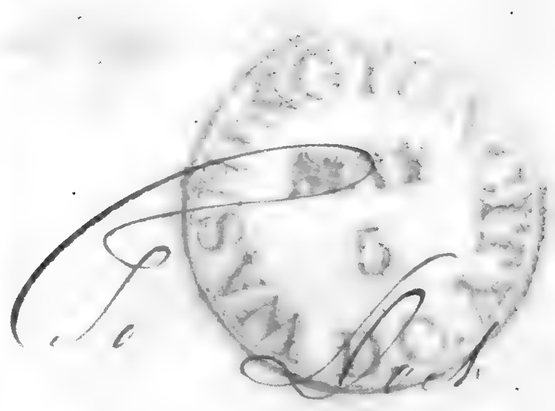
Why does not Dr Brown write me? Give him my Respects and tell him he owes a letter, and as he is I know punctual in paying his debts, I shall expect it very soon.

Sam Dr Sister
Affectionately yours J. F. King

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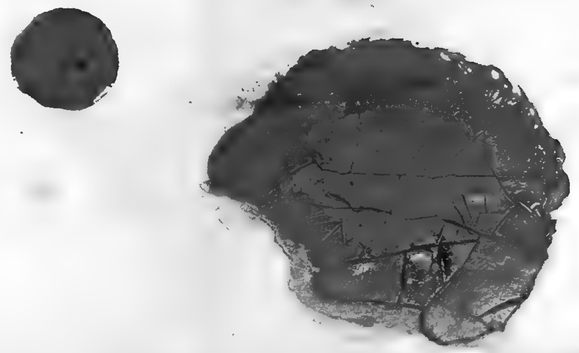
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Washington D.C. Nov 12. 1858.

Dr Doctor

I received yours of the 8th inst yesterday enclosing one to Mr Seibert, which I delivered last night, and this morning saw him on the Subject. He says he has not yet finished any of the Sketches of your work, but will now commence them, and that your responsibility shall be from the first stroke on off. I am glad to hear that the remaining plates are likely to soon arrive, as I learned there was so much anxiety to get the work out that if they did not soon arrive they would be left out. I did not notice that the note enclosed in my envelope was for S. until I had read it nearly to your thoughts: no responsibility I hope in doing it, as it afforded me an opportunity of knowing what you wanted him to do. When I saw him this morning, he had not read it, as it was very early and he was not out here when I delivered it last night. I presume however, as he appears very friendly, that he will be prepared to make the corrections you desire. I also saw Mr Cantell yesterday and told him of the

shipment of the plants and of your intention of sending him the corrected &c. in a few days.

I presume, tho' I have not now any distinct recollection of having done so, that I acknowledged the receipt of your former letter with the money inclosed. I so closely confined with business during office hours, that it is only now and then that I can snatch a few moments for my private correspondence. The consequence is that I have often to put off, writing from day to day until my best intentions fade away into forgetfulness. Routine office duties, and a kind of trance with business, from which a man gets tired & exhausted that he can scarcely raise energy enough to do any thing more, except eat & read for the balance of the day. I thought scarcely ever write a letter at home, preferring as I do the afternoon, when I cannot find other time, to remain in my office for a half hour or so for the purpose, after the regular office hours. But that is not telling you, what I ought to have done, if I did not, that I did receive the letter referred to. And it appears to me that I told you as I

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certainly intended to tell you that I had received your copy of the text from the printer and never then new at my hand keyed up.

I am glad to hear you are in the "full tide of successful" practice again. The change may be a little difficult, at first, but that will soon wear off.

Give my kindest respects to Mr Engelmann and you may tell him that there is a high degree of probability that Mr Hyde will spend the winter in St Louis. We are all well.

Believe Me Sincerely

Your friend

St. King

Miss Geo. Engelmann
St Louis Mo

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Mrs Morris Aug 31st
Ans Sept 3d

Washington Augt 28th 1858.

Dr Doctor

As it was drawing towards the close of the month, I have been so much occupied I could not find time to write you before. On the morning of your departure I left the engravings with Sylvester and put your letter in the office. Dr Perry's I had franked by Mr Campbell on with the Country, as it related to business of the office. Feeling some apprehension as to the letter you told me to send with Sperry (the others) ing for I thought it best to pay for all — am $1.17 cts — Your books have been sent to my house when they can remain as long as you please. they are all boxed up safely. I saw the foreman of the office after you left and requested him to send me some additional numbers, which he promised me this week, he says he did, but how many I do not know, as I have not received any exact from him yet. They were all sent in the same box together —

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I hope you have all arrived here safe
and find every thing in a safe, healthy
condition. We are all well. Give my
kindest regards to Mrs Engelmann

In haste

Sincerely yours

Geo. G. Engelmann

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Rec'd May 27
Ans'd June 9th

Washington May 23. 1859.

My Dear Friend

I received yours of the 19th
with pleasure, and feel guilty to some extent
for the charge of negligence in writing, but
do not think I am quite so bad about it
as you seem to indicate. I must have written
you of the receipt of the letter proofs of your Cantos-
ces, language; at least there is a strong im-
pression on my mind of my having done so,
and also of the copies you desired of the proofs
ed additions thereto, and I have an indistinct
impression also of having received a letter from
you since, telling me to take care of them un-
til the plates were printed. If I am mistaken
I must only throw myself upon your kind
forgiving, (as I am sure I do) & my own good intentions.

I have called several times at Seybert's
about the plates, and day before yesterday he
called on me to say that they were all ready,
and wished to know what disposition to make
of them. I promised to write you to day (Mon-
day) on the subject, and should have done

if I had not heard from you. So you may make yourself perfectly easy now on this subject, as the whole is now done — original printing, erecting and plating — and subject to any arrangement you may desire to make of them. I think you can get the binding done here cheaper than in St Louis as the public printing requires more cutting in arranging for the purpose than is commonly found in private establishments. But I do not exactly understand the manner in which you desire to have it done; I will however inquire into the matter and in the mean time you can give me more definite information as to your wishes which will enable me to give you some thing like exactness as to the price here. Of course I will attend promptly to the copies you desire to you correspondent or do any thing else in the matter you desire, for although I may not be a very good correspondent, I am not neglectful of the interests or wishes of my old

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Friendly.

My Kindly regards to Mrs. E. & my family and all and each join in the desire to be remembered to you & her

Very Truly

Yours

Dr Geo. Engelmann

St. Louis

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H. King

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Rec^d June 23^D

Washington June 22. 1839.

My Dear Friend

Having previously had a conversation with him on the subject, immediately on the receipt of your letter I sent for the book binder that day the work for the Smithsonian and made a contract with him to bind 120 numbers of your work, in the manner you designated at 15 cents per no. They are to be in the style & manner of the Paper backs of the Smithsonian books, except that to be put a ticket or label on the back, as in ordinary books, instead of putting on titles on the Cover. To have done the latter would have added 3 or 4 cents more to each number, he informed me & he would have to pay that for putting them. He thinks, that as it will be a tolerably thick volume, the titles on the back will be quite as proper. I wish you would write me what the titles shall be, if you approve of the plan. The letter goes at night I sent the next day to his house and directed him to call on Mr Seybert who I had seen some short time before on the



for the plates. On doing so he learned that the Public Binder had demanded and received all that had been printed, a day or two before, I called yesterday to see Mr Seybert on the subject, who contracted the statute, but told me he could have your again ready in 8 or 10 days. He seemed very sorry, particularly when I told him how anxious you were to have them sent to Europe by the 1st of July Steamer. As it is evident he could not now have them done in that time, I told him I thought it would be best not to hurry them, but take such time as might be necessary to do them well. Under the circumstances I thought they the best, and he promised me he would have them done in the very best manner, I hope it will be some relief to your disappointment.

I did not make any positive arrangement with the binder for doing the other volumes, as you did not seem to be in such hurry for them. He offers to bind them in the style of Smithsonian "Contributions" at 60 cts a volume; this price he says he gets

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from the Smithsonian, except that in that case
also he will have to put the title on the back
with a label. He is considered one of the best
if not the best binder in the City, and I think
will do the work faithfully. Let me know what
I shall do.

If I had time I should like to write
you something on Politics, as I see by your
letter, it is a subject to which you are not
entirely indifferent. I hope the German Repub-
licans are beginning to mind the acts of
Mr Seachy etc, to know their judgment get
a little the better of their prejudices a fan-
cies, and see the impropriety not to say in-
gratitude of the course, in leaving a party
that has always been their friends, and tak-
ing up with those that deceived and
then spurned them: If they think that
a German who has been five years in chains.
is not as good as citizen as a nigger just
landed the day before from the under ground
Rail Road, then I cannot they have the wrong
that their faith Lumps to the Democratic
party decency. They have succeeded in making

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the niggers there equal, if not a little there superior. But I have not time to give you all even a faint sketch of my views. I must say however that the Political cause the larger portion of the German population has pursued with the best few years, has not an example in the history of this country, and if it do not produce an unpleasant reaction upon them, they will be fortunate. There is a low, dark murmuring of public sentiment that body no good.

Excuse my dear friend these disjointed ravings and believe me

Truely Yours

St. Louis

St. Louis Engelmann

P.S. almost forgot to say that Mrs Hyde arrived day before yesterday, looking very well and full of St Louis, of which she gives the most pleasing accounts. Oh how I wish I was back again! Adieu St. L.

Respects to Mrs E. to us all

write ——

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Rec'd Aug 14 1859
Ans'd Aug 23 & 3d Oct

Washington Augt 10. 1859.

D. Lloctor

I send you to day by mail
under the frank of the Chief Clk. Dept of
the Interior, a copy of your report on the
Cucloccus, that you may see the style
of binding with paper covers. I directed
the Binder to put up 180 copies in this
form; the other 20 to remain subject to
future direction. They and drawings
they morning brought to my room at the
Patent Office, as the safest place for them.
The Binder tells me that some of the plates
are yet wanting to some of the 20 remain-
ing copies, but I think I will have sup-
plied him as soon as Mr Seybert, who
is now absent, returns to the City. I am
under the impression that the Smithson-
ian dont send out books again to
Europe before October, but will endeavor
to be certain about it in a few days.
As they is a fire proof building I think it
will be best to let them bound copies

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remain here until you decide what shall be done with them: they are not in my way, and can remain free of charge and perfectly safe. I enclose the Burdey Bill* and also an open letter.

Shy being the dull season and weather cloudy, we have little or no news. Pooley and dreamming up & manshaling their forces for next winter's operations, but it is difficult to say what role he this relates strength. The Democrats appear confident, as to the final result, but the most difficulty seem to be in arranging the personal claims of the leaders.

My kindest regards to Mrs E. Also the children.

Yours Truly

St. Louis

Dr. Geo Engelmann

St Louis Mo.

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Rec'd Oct 20 14
Ans Nov 2
& 23d

Washington Oct. 17. 1859.

Dear Doctor

I received yours by Mr Sonland and intended to have written the next day, but was taken sick that night and have not untill the present felt inclined to do so. I sent however immediately under the frank of our Commissioner, two copies of the Cactaceæ, which I hope you have received, that you might see the Style of the binding. I regret to have to tell you that I had 20 copies done in the way, as it seems it was you intended only to have six, but the error was in following the instructions in your former letter. I hope however the improvement which the style gives to the appearance of the work will please you so much as to remove any regret for the mistake. I saw Prof Henry last week and he, in a conversation on the subject, said it would be time enough to send through the Smithsonian when full, if I got this package ready in 3 or 4 weeks time. I can

distribute under frank any number you may desire, and will have them put up in one (Pat. Of.) folding room in the manner I sent and suppose you received the two I sent last week. As I did not give Major Clark his copy as coming from you, not having any authority to do so, I state from myself, I supplyed him & why I took that liberty. Knowing you would want all of your own, to dispose of to friends who would have to depend on you only, and with the surplus regain some of the heavy expenses you would necessarily have to incur in the matter, I obtained from the printer & engraver (a plate printer by trade,) a few extra copies (14) for myself. Those not yet having been sent me from the bindery, I took the liberty of using one of your copies for presentation Major Clark in binding to replace it from my own.

I have been endeavoring to get you a presentation copy of the entire bonding Survey, but have not succeeded and fear I shall not. The second volume is very scarce

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and only a few of them to be had now by pur-
chase. Should Congress order another Edition,
which I do not think probable, them will
soon be none on sale. I can get the 2d vol,
for 8$. on the two together for 10$. at pre-
sent.

Enclosed I send Seybert's Bill for
printing $98.80 and Lycett, for binding
$42.00. Thine, with those formerly sent I
believe am all

Dy. Lycetts for binding $27.00
do. 15.00
Seiberts for printing 98.80
Wendel's " printing 4.00
" " $144.80
25.—
$169 80

Have am now all well; my Kindest re-
spects to Mrs Engelmann. 8.—

Sincerely yours
J. H. King

150 Hilsch Cast. coal $5.17
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D. Sir

Permit me to introduce to you the Baron
M. Vigelli of Leghorn (Italy) Mr. M. is making a tour
of observation through the United States in the course of
which he visits St Louis. By giving him the attention due
to a stranger and gentleman you will confer a favor
on Your friend and Obedt Svt

J. Torrey

Dr Geo Engelmann
St Louis Mo.




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Rec'd March 30th
Ans April 16th

Washington D.C. March 27. '60

Dear Doctor

I sent you a box by Adams Express a few days ago, I am inclined me except containing 29 Copies of the Cactaceæ. I have four more which I could not get in the Box, but will send by Mail as soon as I can get the remainder of Congress to frank them. There ought to have been 34 in all, two missing and I suppose have been taken from my room. If it is not returned, I will send one from them copy I have as the binding is done as they come in. I intended to save you the expense of sending by Express, but found it so difficult to get them franked, that I gave up the effort. I succeeded in getting three you probably distributed, but made the frank of Col. Wood, an officer of the State, & supposed they would be attached to the letter. As the box was addressed to you at St Louis you will no doubt find it on calling at the Express office. (Adams')

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I received the copy you marked enough to suspect, not because it may be exciting to me, as I shall learn several other, second on my own visit, but because of the fragmentation, and, which I know had attached to it. By the way I ought to have mentioned that I had the other card attached in the same way to all of those distributed. I am much obliged to you, but the only return I can make, is to promise attention I wrote a book, to reciprocate the favour.

It will not do to say we have nothing new here, for every day something new turns up, in a city like this, when language is in Spain, with its horde of hungry and hanging around; but like the figures of a kaleidoscope, the changes mean nothing. It is all party, politics & precedent making. I really do not believe there is as much real speculation in the early at this time, as there was twenty five years ago. Our children may see better times, but the generation is done for. The worship of

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the almighty dollars are, bad enough, but we have sunk from that to the almighty nigger. Let us hope we have fathomed the "depth depth" and that whatever change the future may bring, it must be upward.

What time you leave for St Louis?

My Kindest regards to Mrs. E. in which my wife & family join.

I am Dr. Doctor

Sincerely yrs

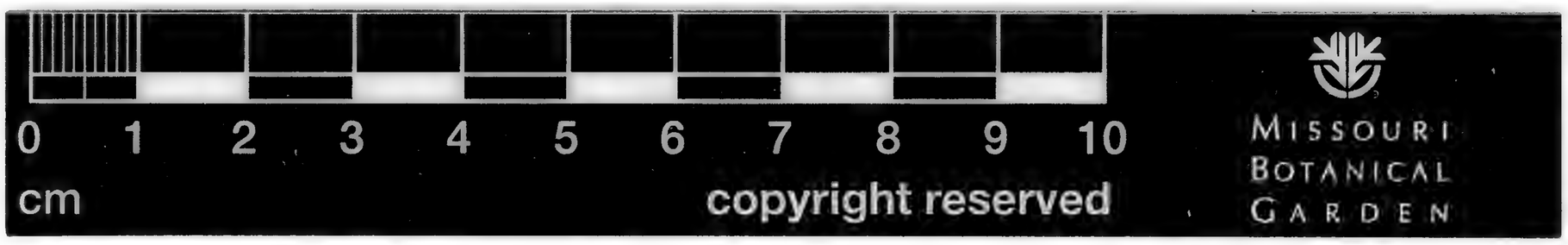
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Rec'd July 14th
Ans July 15—

Washington July 9. 1862

Doct G. Engelmann

Dr. Doctor

Your of the 29th May with the enclosure to Col. Sinclair was duly received, The letter I had forwarded immediately through the town dispatch and hope it may received in time to give you a reply. You have heard no doubt that he was one of the victims in the unfortunate town, in the late battle before Richmond. When are such records to end? When will the madness which seems to pervade so large a portion of the people of this country subside? All that the few of us, not affected by it can do, is to look on calmly and commiserately. No medicaments that we could prescribe would reach the disease; it

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may have run itself out. Our pecuniary situation and ruin as the inevitable result, but for an important. Madness rule and madness serve; a few: perhaps too many: atrocious pretenders affect the disease that they may the more effectually accomplish their purpose by urging on the others. Power is right, Patriotism, suspicion, and the cause of freedom, or woe against the laws of God and of Nature!! We must watch and pray.

Remember me in the kindest manner to Mr E. My family are all well, and endeavoring to make ourselves as comfortable and happy as possible in quiet retirement. The business of our firm has so far proved reasonably satisfactory, and our flattering prospects that it will ultimately be

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Mr Hyde and George are well;
they have gone to the country where
they will remain a few weeks.

Believe me

Yours Sincerely

T. King

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To Dr Geo Engelmann

From Georgetown Dec 15 Dated 15

Rec'd Aug 15 186 1141 A M.

Dr H King died fourteenth
inst funeral thursday Please put
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C J M Hyde

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